

## SELF EVACUATION ASSESSMENT

IDAPA 16.03.22.012.18. defines a self-evacuating resident as a resident who is able to leave the building without one-on-one (1 on 1) or hands-on assistance and can remain at a designated location. A resident must consistently respond to a fire/smoke alarm with no more than verbal cues.

To assess a resident for their capability to self evacuate, sections of the State of Idaho's Uniform Assessment Instrument may be used. The portions of these sections are as follows:

### **Section Two – Functional Abilities**

**Mobility** The resident must be able to get around inside and outside, using mechanical aids if needed, without assistance. (No greater than a level of N (None) on the state UAI.)

**Transferring** The resident must be able to transfer independently, when in bed or chair/wheelchair, and must be able to manage their own position changes. (No greater than a level of N (None) on the state UAI.)

**Emergency Response** The resident must be able to recognize the emergency and must be able to get out of the facility independently or with only verbal assistance. (No greater than a level of MI (minimal) on the state UAI.)

**Supervision** The resident must be independent or can require either occasional or frequent voice cues and prompts. (No greater than a level of MO (moderate) on the state UAI.)

### **Section Four – Psychological/Social/Cognitive Information**

**Orientation** The resident is either (1) oriented to person, place, time, and/or situation, or (2) the resident is occasionally disoriented to person, place, time, or situation, but is sufficiently oriented to function independently if in familiar surroundings. (No greater than second level on state UAI.)

**Judgment** The resident's judgment must be good, making appropriate decisions. (No greater than second level on state UAI.)

**Hallucinations** The resident has no hallucinations or may occasionally have hallucinations, which interfere with functioning, but they are currently well controlled and may be taking medication. (No greater than second level on state UAI.)

**Wandering** Resident does not wander. (No greater than first level on state UAI.)

### **Self-Preservation/**

**Victimization** Two levels as follows are acceptable:

- (1) The resident is clearly aware of surroundings and is able to discern and avoid situations in which he/she may be abused, neglected, or exploited; or,
  - (2) The resident is sometimes able to discern and avoid situations in which he/she may be abused, neglected, or exploited.
- (No greater than second level on state UAI.)

### **Section Three – Health Information**

Residents with the following health conditions are not considered capable of self-evacuation:

- (1) Residents on continuous oxygen (in a smoke situation they will not have the endurance and stamina to self evacuate);
- (2) Residents who are hearing impaired with any of the following conditions present:
  - (a) They cannot understand speech;
  - (b) They are unable to hear without the use of hearing aids;
  - (c) The impairment cannot be evaluated due to coma, brain damage, etc.
- (3) Residents whose vision is so impaired that the following conditions are present:
  - (a) They cannot find their way around without feeling or using a cane and cannot locate objects without hearing or touching;
  - (b) Residents who are totally blind, cannot tell light from dark;
  - (c) Residents vision cannot be determined.

### **Fire Drills**

IDAPA 16.03.22.410.02 states that all personnel and residents are to participate in a minimum of one (1) fire drill per shift per quarter. Fire drills are to be unannounced.

At least two (2) of the above fire drills should be conducted where the fire alarm is set off. In addition at least one (1) fire drill should be conducted during resident sleeping hours. The facility may use a coded announcement for this drill.

### **Assessment vs. Evaluation**

If the facility does not have a fire sprinkler system or the facility does not intend to install and a resident assessment indicates that the resident is capable of self evacuation but the fire drill demonstrates that resident is not capable of self evacuation, then the resident would need to be discharged from the facility

**Note:** These are minimum guidelines and additional factors may need to be considered based on the individual resident.